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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on the contribution of regional committees and thematic groups to the global geospatial information agenda, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the operation and achievements of the regional committees and thematic groups.

Summary of the report

The report provides information on the contribution and achievements of the following seven regional committees and thematic groups: the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Europe; the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Arab States; the Joint Board of Geospatial Information Societies; and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Academic Network.

The reports of the regional committees and thematic groups contain information on their activities and achievements since the fifth session of the

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Committee of Experts, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, inclusive of the fourth High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, held in Addis Ababa from 20 to 22 April 2016. The reports also provide an overview of the work of the regional committees, their working groups and thematic groups in the following areas: (a) sustainable development; (b) land administration and management; (c) disaster risk reduction; (d) fundamental geospatial data themes; (e) the integration of statistical and geospatial information; (f) regional and international collaboration and capacity development, including the Caribbean Project led by Mexico; (g) the global geodetic reference frame; (h) the creation of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Academic Network; (i) priority issues and challenges; and (j) future plans and events.